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Telephone Traffic of the Soviet Occupation Forces

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1. Prior to April 1952, [redacted] in Vienna and Baden (O 49/X 37) [redacted] that the Russians were using both the Austrian telephone system and a telephone network of their own.

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2. The exchange of the Soviet telephone network was on Trostgasse, Baden, where the overhead and underground cables converged.* Such cable lines extended to Vienna, Hoedling (O 49/X 37), Liesing (O 49/X 38) and other places. One line led from Baden to Lwow via Hungary, and others led to Soviet division headquarters in Austria and Hungary which belonged to the Central Group of Forces. Check points were established for all telephone lines. The check point for the Baden-Vienna line was in Wiener Neudorf (P 49/X 37). From these points, two soldiers would daily check on the status of the lines and repair any damage.

3. All the telephone switchboards in Austria were occupied by personnel of the Podvishny Uzel Svyazy, (Mobile Telephone Base) under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Ilyushin (fnu). The unit had the strength of a regiment [redacted]

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4. The Austrian public telephone system was used for unclassified communications, particularly with Austrian authorities. Telephone extensions served by German speaking interpreters included: Soviet Army Officers' Club, Vienna; U 42-4-06, Lieutenant Ponshin (fnu); R 29-6-84, Lieutenant Colonel Ermonin (fnu); R 27-4-35, Cds Major Metrofanov (fnu); R 20-4-92, Senior Lieutenant Lukhov; R 20-3-76, Captain Verbitski (fnu); R 29-0-74, Lieutenant Colonel Nonshin (fnu); R 25-4-08, Major Zogonov; R 21-4-85, Major Shevnerov (fnu). Telephone extensions identified in Baden and Hoedling at the Hq Central Group of Forces included: 2-34, Lieutenant General Sviridov (fnu), Soviet military commander in Austria; 2-32, Major General Pomortsev, Chief of the Political Administration; 3-42, General Khoritonov, Deputy Chief of the Political Administration; 2-07, Lieutenant Colonel (Eng) Popov (fnu); 2-85, General Sovilov (fnu); 2-74, General Kulikov (fnu); 4-84, General Pomortsev (fnu); 4-61, General Krazovski (fnu). Telephone extensions assigned to the Administration of the Rear Services of the Central Group of Forces included: 3-74, General Kurgantsev (fnu); 3-51, General Emishkin (fnu); 2-94, General Maslenikov (fnu); 4-27, General Kulishev (fnu); 3-35, General Smirnov (fnu). **

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25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. This telephone exchange is possibly at 23 Trostasse.

25X1 [REDACTED] It is possibly assigned to an unidentified signal regiment of the Central Group of Forces.

[REDACTED] Comment. A Major General Ponortsev (fnu) was known to be the Chief of the Political Administration of the East Siberian ID prior to September 1948. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] Major Sogonov (fnu) and Captain Verbitski (fnu) are stationed at the House of the Soviet Army in Vienna. General Krazovski (fnu) is the commander-in-chief of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army.